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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. Sociology, *in progress*

Qualifying Exams: Social Theory (with Michael Burawoy, chair), Political Sociology (with Mara Loveman); and Science, Knowledge, and Technology (with John Lie)

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA

M.A. Sociology, May 2016

M.A. Paper: “Two Logics of the Built Environment: Economic and Inhabitation,” advised by John Lie (chair) and Mara Loveman

Yale University — New Haven, CT

B.A. Political Science (*with distinction*) and Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry, 2014

Thesis: “The Sinicization of Xinjiang: Efforts in China's Northwest Frontier to Create a Nation from a State,” advised by James C. Scott

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The state, political economy, American political development, society and space, knowledge, social theory, political sociology, economic sociology, urban sociology, public sociology

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Graziani, Terra and **Mary Shi** (equal co-authorship). 2020. “Data for Justice: Tensions and Lessons from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project’s Work Between Academia and Activism.” *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies* 19(1): 397-412.

Tycowski, Kazimierz; Mei-Di Shu, Sumit Borah, **Mary Shi** and Joan A. Steitz. 2012. “Conservation of a Triple-Helix-Forming RNA Stability Element in Noncoding and Genomic RNAs of Diverse Viruses.” *Cell Reports* 2(1): 26-32.

OTHER WRITING

Shi, Mary. 2018. “Counterpoints: The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's Atlas of the Bay Area.” *UC Berkeley Global Urban Humanities Blog*. [Online](#). 29 August 2018.

The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.¹ 2018. “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Handbook.” 2018. *Creating Social Change Through Creativity: Anti-Opressive Arts Based Research Methods*. Moshoula Capous-Desyllas and Karen Morgaine, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 289-308.

Graziani, Terra, Erin McElroy, **Mary Shi**, and Leah Simon-Weinberg (equal co-authorship). 2016. “Counterpoints: Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement, 2016.” Report by the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project and Tenants Together. Oakland, CA: 9 September 2016 and [online](#).

Shi, Mary. 2013. “Unstable Ground: The 1968 Mexico City Student Protests.” *Yale Review of International Studies* 3(2): 63-72 and [online](#).

Shi, Mary. 2011. “Secularism in Suburbia.” *Fiat Lux: A Journal of Religious Life at Yale*. 3(1): 27-30

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.² *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Oakland, CA: PM Press (forthcoming Fall 2020)

Shi, Mary. “Bourdieu and Dual Process Models: Towards a Cognitive Theory of Social Change” (available upon request)

Shi, Mary. “Indigenous Dispossession, the Public Lands, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States ” (available upon request)

Shi, Mary. “The Restructured Urban Political Economy of the Knowledge Economy: Evidence from the San Francisco Bay Area.” (available upon request)

Shi, Mary. “The Moral Economy of Place: Two Logics of the Built Environment.” (manuscript in preparation)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Extramural Fellowships and Grants

2015-2020	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	\$138,000
2020	San Francisco Arts Commission, Organizational Project Grant <i>Supported publication of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's atlas of the Bay Area, Counterpoints (Oakland, CA: PM Press, anticipated Fall 2020)</i>	\$10,100

¹ For this publication I served as the primary chapter editor and corresponding author for the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, although the project collectively claims authorship.

² This is a book project collectively produced and edited by an Anti-Eviction Mapping Project. Erin McElroy and I are equal project leads. I am the editor for Chapter 6, “Migrations/Relocations.”

2019	Tobin Project, History of American Democracy Graduate Student Fellow	\$1,000
2015-2017	Philosophy of Social Science and Critical Realism Summer Seminar and Graduate Student Working Group	\$5,000

Intramural Fellowships and Grants

2018-2019	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Lowenthal Fellowship	\$19,000
2018	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Small Research Grant	\$1,500
2017	UC Berkeley Global Urban Humanities Initiative, Interdisciplinary Student Publications Grant <i>Supported production of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's atlas of the Bay Area, Counterpoints (Oakland, CA: PM Press, anticipated Fall 2020)</i>	\$15,000
2016	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Small Research Grant	\$1,500
2014	Cook Family Foundation, Owosso Fellowship <i>Supported internship in the Office of the City Manager, Owosso, MI</i>	\$4,000
2013	Yale College, Mellon Forum Research Grant <i>Supported interviews with the Uyghur Human Rights Project in Washington, D.C.</i>	\$500
2013	Howard W. Hilgendorf Memorial Fellowship <i>Supported field research in Xinjiang, China from June through July, 2013</i>	\$4,250
2012	Banco Santander Scholarship <i>Supported summer study at Peking University in Beijing, China</i>	\$2,000
2011	Richard U. Light Fellowship for Intensive East Asian Language Study <i>Supported study at the Princeton in Beijing Chinese language institute at Beijing Normal University in Beijing, China</i>	\$7,000

Awards

2019	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Alumni Prize for Public Sociology <i>For the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance (Oakland, CA: PM Press, anticipated Fall 2020)</i>
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- 2018 UC Berkeley Graduate Division, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor
- 2017 Berkeley Undergraduate Sociological Association, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor
- 2016 American Studies Association, Digital Humanities Caucus, Garfinkel Prize in Digital Humanities
For service in the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's "Narratives of Displacement and Resistance" oral history project
- 2016 American Association of Geographers, Urban Geography Speciality Group, Alternative Geography Award
For service in the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project
- 2015 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Alumni Prize for Public Sociology
For service in the Berkeley Journal of Sociology editorial collective
- 2013 Acheson Prize for Outstanding Essays in International Studies, Third Place, "Unstable Ground: The 1968 Mexico City Student Protests," published in the *Yale Review of International Studies* 3:2 (2013): 63-72, and [online](#).

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND LECTURES³

- 2020 "Indigenous Dispossession, the Public Lands, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States," Decolonizing "Development" Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 21 July 2020.
- 2020 "The Public Lands and Government Support of Infrastructural Development in the United States," Democratising Infrastructures Workshop at Durhan University, UK, 23-24 January 2020
- 2019 "Constructing the National Interest: The Erie Canal, the Transcontinental Railroads, and the Hoover Dam" Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 23 November 2019
- 2018 "Reflexive Action as an Object of Sociological Inquiry: Bourdieu and Beyond," American Sociological Association, Theory Section Panel, "Trespassing, Poaching, Raiding, Transcending," Philadelphia, PA, 13 August 2018
- 2018 "Exurban Development and the Precarious Fringe of the San Francisco Bay Area," Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Kyoto, Japan, 26 June 2018

³ Asterisks denote invited events.

- 2017 “Choice Under Duress: Life in the Suburban Fringe of the Financialized Bay Area,” American Sociological Association, Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtable, Montreal, Canada, 14 August 2017
- 2017 “Against Instrumental Rationality, the Ethical Unity of the Post-Positivists,” Beyond Positivism, Montreal, Canada, 10 August 2017
- 2016 “Effects of Financialized Housing Discourse: Evidence from the San Francisco Bay Area,” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley, CA, 26 June 2016
- 2014 “The Sinicization of Xinjiang: Efforts in China's Northwest Frontier to Create a Nation from a State,” Trumbull College Mellon Forum, Yale College, 28 October 2013

With the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project

- 2019* “Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement: Introducing the Work of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project,” Feminist Lecture Series, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA on 4 November 2019
- 2019* Economic Futures Retreat, hosted by the Economic Security Project, Fremont, CA, 29-30 October 2019.
- 2019* “Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement: A Workshop on Arts-Based Activism and Community-Based Power,” workshop at ZERO1 American Arts Incubator, Impact Exchange in San Francisco, CA with Adrienne Hall and Carla Wojczuk, 24 July 2019
- 2019* “Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance,” invited talk SYSTEM FAILURE (an apexart exhibition) at the Minnesota Street Project, San Francisco, CA with Erin McElroy and Adrienne Hall, 14 May 2019
- 2019 “Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance,” talk in the Feminist Studies Book Talk series at University of California, Santa Cruz, with Erin McElroy, Austin Ehrhardt, Adrienne Hall, and Chris Henrick, 17 April 2019
- 2018* “Pictures of a Gone City: Tech, Displacement, and Resistance in the San Francisco Bay Area,” panel discussion with Richard Walker and the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project (AEMP). Co-Panelist with Erin McElroy as representatives of AEMP at the Howard Zinn Book Fair, City College of San Francisco, Mission Campus, in San Francisco, CA, 2 December 2018

- 2018* “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project’s Atlas of the Bay Area,” poster presented at the Global Urban Humanities Fall Symposium, University of California, Berkeley in Berkeley, CA, 8 October 2018
- 2017* “Abolition & Gentrification: Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Presentation & Discussion,” collectively presented talk and panel discussion at the Museum of Capitalism, Oakland, CA, 30 July 2017
- 2016 “Counterpoints: Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement.” report presented with Terra Graziani and Erin McElroy at “Counterpoints: Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement,” Eastside Arts Alliance, Oakland, CA, 9 September 2016
- 2016* “Engaging Data with Action: The Work of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Eviction Free SF and the San Francisco Tenants Union,” collectively presented talk at SOMArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA, 14 May 2016
- 2016 “Narrating Displacement: Lived Experiences of Urban Social and Spatial Exclusion,” paper presented with Florian Opillard, Association of American Geographers in San Francisco, CA, 1 April 2016
- 2016 “Oral History, Radical Mapping and Direct Action. The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project,” collectively presented workshop at Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, 30 March 2016

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

University Teaching

- Spring 2019 Acting Instructor for UC Berkeley, Sociology 190: Introduction to Political Economy (self-designed and taught seminar)
- Spring 2017 UC Berkeley, Sociology 102: Sociological Theory II with Associate Professor Cihan Tuğal
- Fall 2016 UC Berkeley, Sociology 101: Classical Social Theory with Associate Professor Dylan Riley

Reading — Course support and grading without classroom teaching

- Fall 2018 UC Berkeley, Sociology 148: Social Policy for Professor Cybelle Fox

Community-Engaged Teaching Experience

- Autumn 2018 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Stanford University, Urban Studies 164: Sustainable Cities with Instructor Deland Chan
Designed and coordinated activities to support the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's atlas project, Counterpoints, including designing an educational supplement for the atlas, training in oral history methods, and training in grant writing for non-profits
- Spring 2017 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, UC Berkeley, Anthropology 121AC: American Material Cultures with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz
Designed and coordinated campus power mapping project. Published maps can be found [here](#).
- Fall 2016 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, UC Berkeley, Anthropology X2AC: Intro to Archaeology with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz
Trained and coordinated student interviewers to collect oral histories for the Narratives of Displacement map.

Formal Mentorship

- Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program, UC Berkeley
 Spring 2020: Danae Kawamoto-Duran (Economics '22), Alexandra Langar (History '21)
- Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis Mentor, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
 Bernadette Blashill, "'Our Military Is Waiting for You!': American Policy Towards Central American Asylum Seekers," 2018-2019
 Michelle Cera, "'The Berkeley Bubble': Constructing a Political Echo Chamber in UC Berkeley Memes for Edgy Teens," 2017-2018 (currently pursuing a PhD in sociology at New York University)

Other Teaching Experience

- Spring and Fall 2020, Discipline-Cluster Leader, UC Berkeley, GSI Teaching & Resource Center Teaching Conference for First-Time Graduate Student Instructors
- Spring and Fall 2019, Fall 2018, *Designed and taught four hour workshops on essential teaching skills and strategies for first time Graduate Student Instructors at UC Berkeley*
- Spring 2012- Fall 2017 Instructor, Splash!, Yale University & UC Berkeley
Designing and teaching two-hour long seminars structured around close readings of socio-political texts and class discussion to high school seniors and juniors in New Haven and Berkeley approximately once a semester

- 2011 Instructor, Building Bridges at Yale, Sichuan, China
Designed and taught one week English language and culture course to high school students in rural Sichuan, China with a co-teacher from Peking University.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Departmental Service

- 2014-Present Sociology Department Delegate, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly
- 2020-Present Coordinator, Historical Social Science Workshop (interdisciplinary with Political Science)
- 2015-2017 Departmental Union Steward, UAW 2865
- 2015-2016 Graduate Student Coordinator, Berkeley Sociology Departmental Colloquium Series (with Marion Fourcade as Faculty Coordinator)

University Service

- 2016-Present Graduate Council, UC Berkeley Academic Senate (by election of the Graduate Assembly delegate body)
- 2018-2019 Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate Division Search Committee, UC Berkeley Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (by appointment of the executive committee of the Graduate Assembly)
- 2017-2019 Campus Affairs Committee, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly
- 2015-2016 Committee on Teaching, UC Berkeley Academic Senate
- 2014-2016 Faculty Mentoring Award Committee, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, SERVICE, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Associations

- Social Science History Association, 2019-Present
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2015-Present
- American Association of Geographers, 2015-Present
- American Sociological Association, 2014-Present

Service

- Organizer, CHS/GATS Section Mentorship Program, American Sociological Association, 2020
- Editorial Collective, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2014-2016

Occasional Reviewer

American Sociological Review, Berkeley Journal of Sociology

Certifications

Graduate Student Inclusivity Training Program, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly, Spring 2017

RELEVANT SKILLS

English (native), Mandarin (advanced spoken/written)

Archival research, legislative research, STATA, R, ArcGIS